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NEW ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION
BAN LOUM POUM AREA, LAOS

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A NEW ROAD IN EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION, BRANCHING OFF ROUTE 911 AT THE VILLAGE OF BAN LOUM POUM, LAOS.

2. BACKGROUND:

ROUTE 911, A PORTION OF THE PL/PAVN ROAD NETWORK IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE, IS AN IMPORTANT ROUTE FOR THE TRANSPORTING OF TROOPS AND SUPPLIES SOUTH TO THE VIET CONG IN SOUTH VIETNAM, AND FOR SUPPORT OF PL/PAVN FORCES IN SOUTH CENTRAL LAOS. THE NEW ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM ROUTE 911 EXTENDS GENERALLY NORTHEAST TOWARD THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER, INDICATING THAT, IF CONTINUED ACROSS THE BORDER, THIS ROAD COULD BECOME ANOTHER IMPORTANT SUPPLY ARTERY FOR COMMUNIST OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTH.

3. MISSION READOUT:

TROJAN HORSE [REDACTED] REVEALS A NEW ROAD IN EARLY- TO MID-STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION BRANCHING OFF ROUTE 911 AT BAN LOUM POUM, LAOS, AT 1703N 10557E (UTM WDO20853). THIS ROAD EXTENDS GENERALLY IN A NORTHEAST DIRECTION, PASSING JUST EAST OF BAN HOU EI PA AT 1705N 10602E (UTM XD101897); IT THEN CONTINUES NORTHEAST THROUGH BAN KA TOK AT 1707N 10603E (UTM XD117922); THEN TO BAN PA TAN AT 1708N 10603E (UTM XD132946); NORTH THROUGH KARST HILLS TO 1710N 10603E (UTM XD132982); NORTHEAST TO 1710N 10605E (UTM XD152995); AND THEN NORTH TO ITS TERMINUS AT 1711N 10605E (UTM XE152010) APPROXIMATELY EIGHT

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NM FROM THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER. NO OTHER CONSTRUCTION IS OBSERVED ON THE LAOTIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER. EXTENSIVE CLOUD COVER PRECLUDES INTERPRETATION OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SIDE OF THE BORDER.

4. REMARKS:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF TROJAN HORSE [REDACTED], REVEALED A SUBSTANTIAL TRAIL ALONG THE ALIGNMENT OF THE NEW ROAD AS FAR AS BAN KA TOK AT 1706N 10603E (UTM XD117922).

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PHOTOGRAPHY OF TROJAN HORSE [REDACTED] REVEALED THAT A CLEARING OPERATION FOR THE ROAD HAD JUST BEGUN ON THE TRAIL.

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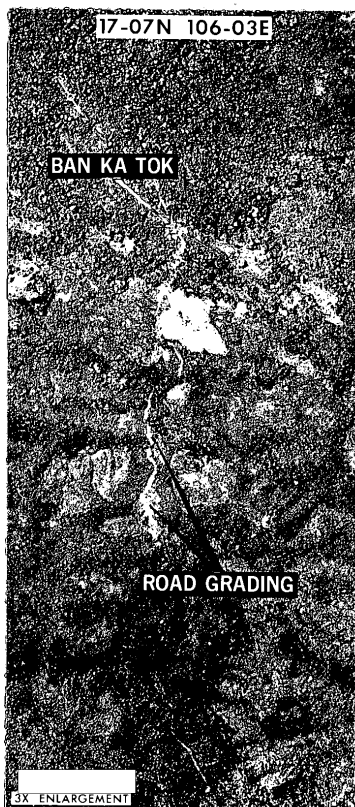
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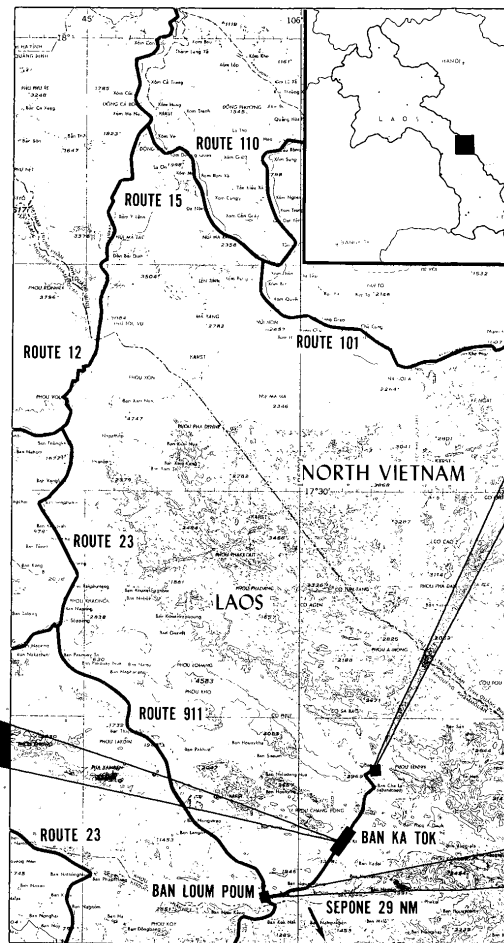
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